

FROM "JIMMY C" TO "MR. T."

The American Royal returned to Kansas City in November and again provided a pleasant surprise for Avila College. For the second year in a row the Grand Champion Steer was donated to Avila's Library Building Fund. Much to our surprise the college was also the beneficiary of a second champion steer and a prize winning lamb.

A group of fifteen area Ford Dealers paid \$7,422.35 for "Mr. T," a 1,235 pound Limousine-Angus Cross, raised by Steve Ferguson of Spirit Lake, Iowa. Larry Nye, Bob Schneider, Bill Woods and Eddie Williams represented the area Ford Dealers in the auction and donation of the steer to Sister Olive Louise, Avila President.

The college's second steer was a gift of the same syndicate who contributed "Jimmy C", last years Grand Champion. Under the leadership of Charles Jennings, former President of the Kansas City Stockyards, the syndicate's contribution helped kick-off the Library Fund Drive. This years purchasers, Gordon Wells, First National Bank; Henry Bloch, H&R Block; Bob Boyle, Boyle Meat Company; George Powell, Yellow Freight; and John Latshaw, E. F. Hutton, paid 76¢ a pound for

the 1,235 pound Simmental-Angus Cross.

Adding a new twist to the livestock donations, Mary and Bud Russell, donated a lamb. The 95 pound Hampshire lamb, a first place finisher in the open show was sold for \$104.50.

With the donation of the steers and lamb Avila is planning a second, and hopefully annual, American Royal Grand Champion Dinner and Auction. This years event is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, at the Radisson-Muehlbach Hotel. Avila plans to attract an audience of 500 to the \$50 a plate dinner. In a repeat performance, Auctioneer George Morse will auction the prize steaks.

Last years dinner and auction realized over \$12,000 to kick-off the Library Fund Drive. It is hoped this years event will cap the drive to fund the 1.5 million dollar project.



Al Blasco, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, welcomes Irving R. Levine to Avila College. Levine, NBC economic correspondent, was the 1977 distinguished lecturer in the Harry S. Truman Lecture Series. He spoke to an audience of over 400 in the Goppert Theatre November 21 on the "Economic Future with the Carter Administration."

Bob Schneider, Eddie Williams, Larry Nye, and Bill Woods (controlling steer), representing 15 area Ford Dealers, look on as Chris Herring, Student Body President, and Sister Olive Louise get a close look at "Mr. T." The Grand Champion Steer was donated to the Avila College Library Fund Drive.

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SPEAS FOUNDATION AIDS ALLIED HEALTH

The Victor E. Speas Foundation has given a \$35,000 grant to Avila College's Allied Health Program, according to G. Richard Scott, Academic Dean. The grant was awarded to support expansion of the program through curriculum development and the addition of teaching personnel and equipment.

The program was begun in 1975 with the assistance of a Speas Foundation grant. In grateful appreciation of this continuing support the college is naming the program in honor of Mr. Speas.

The program, coordinated by Virginia Johnston, trains professionals in specialized areas offering majors in Medical Technology, Medical Records Administration, Radiologic Technology and Industrial Hygiene.

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family wishes you a
most enjoyable holiday
season. May the joys
of life continue with you in
the new year. Your intentions
are remembered in our Advent and
Christmas liturgies in the Avila College
Chapel.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

A *Christmas Carol*, holiday entertainment for the family, will be enacted in Goppert Theatre, December 10 and 11.

Carol-Rea Sciortino, Avila senior, is directing and producing the play for her senior project. She has chosen her cast from the college and the community, with junior Martin Merritt starring as Ebenezer Scrooge. She has also engaged Santa Claus to make personal appearances at the end of each show.

Tickets are \$1 and are available from the box office for the Saturday shows at 2 and 8 p.m. and the Sundays shows at 2 and 4 p.m. Phone 942-8404 for reservations.

Jim Fasone, owner of Heads Together, fashions Marilyn Meissen's hair as his staff busily cuts hair for the student sponsored Cut-A-Thon. Marilyn and Jeanne Lillig were co-chairpersons of the event which raised \$800 as part of the student effort toward the Library Fund Drive. The contribution made by the Heads Together staff is much appreciated.

